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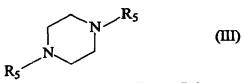
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(54) Title: IMPROVED COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF CARBONYL SULFIDE FROM ACID GAS CON-TAINING SAME



(57) Abstract: Novel solvent composition for selective removal of COS from a gas stream containing same, said composition comprising a) at least one polyalkylene glycol alkyl ether of the formula (I) or 1,3-dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1H)-pyrimidinone or a mixture N-formylmorpholine and N-acetylmorpholine Wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; R2 is hydrogen or an alkyl group having

2004/085033 from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; Alk is an alkylene group, branced or unbranced, having from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, and n is from 1 to 10; and b) at least one alkanolamine compound of the formula (II) or at least one piperazine compound of formula (III) wherein R3 is hydrogen, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or the R<sub>4</sub>OH group; R<sub>4</sub> is a branched or unbranched alkylene group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms; R<sub>5</sub>, independently in each occurrence, is hydrogen or an hydroxyalkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or an hydroxyalkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.



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- 1. claims: 1-18
  - Solvent composition comprising
  - (a) at least one polyalkylene glycole alkyl ether, and
  - (b) at least one alkanolamine

or

at least one piperazine, and process for selective removal of COS from a gas stream containing COS and CO2 using the composition.

- 2. claims: 19,20
- Solvent composition comprising
- (a) 1,3,-dimethyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2(1H)-pyrimidinone and
- (b) at least one alkanolamine

or

at least one piperazine, and process for selective removal of COS from a gas stream containing COS and CO2 using the composition.

- 3. claims: 21,22
- Solvent composition comprising
- (a) a mixture of N-formylmorpholine and N-acetylmorpholine and
- (b) at least one alkanolamine

or

at least one piperazine, and process for selective removal of COS from a gas stream containing COS and CO2 using the composition.

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